shipping industries from the provisions of the MRTP Act.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the other industries which have so far been taken out of the ambit of the MRTP Act as part of the liberalisation programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Shipping Industry and Hotel Industry have been exempted by Government in exercise of power contained in Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. Exemption in the case of Shipping Industry has been allowed Primary for the reason that this Industry is capital intensive in nature and is prone to risks. As regards Hotel Industry, the exemption has been granted mainly on the ground that additional rooms in the approved Hotel Sector, involving substanial investment, would be required in the coming years.

(c) Names of industries/services exempted so far under Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 are given in notificaions No. S. O. 408(E) dated 22-5-1985 and S. O. 65(E) dated 21|2|1986. Copies of these notifications have been laid on the Table of the House.

Computer-controlled telephone network

*116. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of new technology developed by M|s. Philips and Ericsson to establish com-puter-controlled telephone networks with base stations and automatic mobile system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Catalogue information of the Philips and Ericsson Mobile Systems is available.

(b) These are Cellular Radio Mobile Telephone systems with facility for providing communication from a mobile telephone to the Public Telephone Network. The Mobile Telephone can. for example, be in a moving motor car.

Further increase of coal price

*117. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to further increase the prices of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of raise in the prices proposed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Oil refineries set up by private sector

*118. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to permit the private sector companies to set up oil refineries in the country;